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Serial No. 10/694,640

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Art Unit : 1636  
Applicants : - Michael J. Cima, Hongming Chen, J. Richard Gyory, Anthony V. Lemmo  
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UNDER 37 CFR §§1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, Applicants would like to bring to the attention of the Examiner the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of the references cited on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A are not provided herewith because copies of these references were submitted to the Office in prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/904,725 (filed July 13, 2001). Under 35 USC §120, the subject application (Serial No. 10/694,640) relies upon Serial No. 09/904,725 for an earlier filing date.

It is respectfully requested that the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A be considered in the examination of the subject application and that their consideration be made of record.

Applicants have also listed U.S. Patent No. 6,087,157 on form PTO/SB/08A which has not been cited in the 09/904,725 application. A copy of the patent is attached with this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants respectfully request that this patent be made of record and considered in the examination of the subject application.

Applicants respectfully assert that the substantive provisions of 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98 are met by the foregoing statements. Though no fees are believed to be required for this paper, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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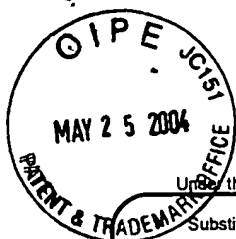
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	5	US- 4,667,504	05-26-1987	Hobson	(Please review all)
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